



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

*ENTER THE MASS! Jesus will be there!*

### Monday, April 16

8:10 a.m. +Perry McDanel

### Tuesday, April 17

8:10 a.m. +Elizabeth Ernst

### Wednesday, April 18

8:10 a.m. +Art & Ann Lucht

### Thursday, April 19

8:10 a.m. +Sandra Schlueter

### Friday, April 20

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

### Saturday, April 21

8:00 a.m. +Don Eisenbarth

5:00 p.m. +Waring Conner

### Sunday, April 22

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. +Marvin & Verona Petereit

## CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: 7:45 AM

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Sundays, 7:30 - 7:45 AM and 9:30 - 10:15 AM

## Contributions for April 8, 2018

<b>General Collection at Mass</b>	\$	<b>8,296.63</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>9,634.50</b>
Debt Reduction	\$	760.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	910.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	360.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	105.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	295.00
Franciscan Sisters Online Giving	\$	95.00
Combined Relief	\$	75.00
Holy Land	\$	40.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	35.00

**Do you know of anyone who** is no longer healthy enough to be able to come to Sunday Mass and would like to be on the Friday Communion list?....

**Do you have a new address or phone number?....**

**...Please let us know at the parish office. 296-3139**

**Are you new to the parish?** Welcome! Come in to the rectory office to register, or...Registration Forms are in the Commons. Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

**Prayer requests?** Please call 296-4404 or 296-3039 or email [chsprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:chsprayerchain@gmail.com)

**To be on the Holy Hour of Adoration schedule,** please leave a message for Sue at 296-5047.

**Church of the Holy Spirit  
Spring Dinner and Auction**

## Return to the West

**April 28, 2018**

What if you can't be there?  
 Here are some ways that you can contribute before/after the event:  
 \*Buy a raffle ticket.  
 \*Donate a prize to be auctioned.  
 \*Donate cash.  
 \*Help set up on the 27th.  
 \*Help clean up on the 29th.

Want to purchase tickets?  
 Contact Steph Greger  
 @ (402)575-1633



**Congratulations** to three of our St. John the Baptist 8<sup>th</sup> graders who qualified for the National History Day competition to be held at the University of Maryland in June. Reed Greger won first place in the Junior Individual Performance category with his project "NASA vs. USSR: Conflict and Compromise of Technological Dominance". Jozlyn Barnes and Krista Hardy won first place in the Junior Group Exhibit category with their project "Japanese Internment Camps: Islands of Conflict". In addition, the girls' project was selected to represent the state of Nebraska at the Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington, DC. We are very proud of all of our students who competed at State History Day and wish our national qualifiers our best wishes as they prepare for the next competition.

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / Pat Carroll GK (402) 296-4706  
**April Breakfast** – Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. This month's breakfast proceeds will go to Knights Charities. The Knights will be serving French toast, pancakes, ham and apple sauce, and after the 10:30 Mass, also ham and potatoes au gratin.  
**Officer's Meeting** – Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in SJR.  
**St. John's Golf Tournament** – Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – proceeds go to supporting our St. John's school – save the date.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For April 21 (at 9:00am): Culek, Currans, Daly, Daly, Davenport, Davison, Deges, Demboski

### **This week's featured Seminarians:**

Anthony Tran-Le from Crete, who entered seminary in 2017 and is now in College 1 at St. Gregory the Great, and Skylar Woita from Wahoo, who entered seminary in 2017 and is now in College 1 at St. Gregory the Great. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from our parish. Adam entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015. Please keep all our seminarians and sisters in formation in your prayers.

**Baptism Congratulations** to two families and four children: Colin Lee Kostszewa, son of Donald & Carrie Kostszewa; and Meleah Marie Lane and Ashton Clara Lane, daughters, and Jackson James Lane, son, (triplets) of Kent & Sarah Lane were all baptized last Sunday! May they always live for the Lord!

**The parish family extends** prayerful support to the family of John Aschenbrenner, a life-long parishioner of Church of the Holy Spirit (Holy Rosary, before the merge), who died April 6, at age 94. His funeral Mass was here last Wednesday. May the Lord grant him eternal life.

### **For Men & Women seeking healing from Divorce:**

The *Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. This 12 week program will be leader facilitated & features 30-minute DVD segments that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, annulment, and much more. The next session will begin **June 4, 2018** and is held at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, NE from 7-9pm. Classes are kept small. Cost is \$50. Register by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620, or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

**Our school collects** General Mills box tops; Our Family (Family Fare) & Best Choice UPC's, Country Hearth Bread & Village Hearth Bread UPC's; No Frills receipts; and Hy-Vee receipts (**Hy-Vee is only those dated September-December**). Send them to school with your child or drop them off into the designated collection box in the Commons. Thank you for your continued support!

**PCCW Meeting** Thursday, April 19 at 6:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**CDA mtg time change** The CDA will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm. Please note the new time.

### **Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes**

Is Christ calling you to be a pilgrim? Fathers Dan Rayer and Craig Doty of the Diocese of Lincoln will be leading a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Fatima, Portugal, and Lourdes, France, from September 12-23, 2018. The cost is \$3,995 per person with double occupancy with air travel out of Omaha. In addition to Lourdes and Fatima, there will be several stops in Spain in Salamanca, Avila, Segovia, Zaragoza, Montserrat, and will conclude in Barcelona. If you have any questions about the pilgrimage or traveling to the Marian Shrines, feel free to contact Fr. Rayer at 402-488-0921 or fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org or Tekton Ministries, the Catholic organization that is planning the journey, at 317-574-4191. To register for the pilgrimage or see a brochure go to [www.tektonministries.org/home/upcoming-pilgrimages/](http://www.tektonministries.org/home/upcoming-pilgrimages/).

**Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough** - Please support Lourdes Cheerleaders by ordering cookie dough now through April 22. Orders will be delivered around the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised go toward uniforms and camp. Available from a cheerleader after Mass, or please contact Samantha Fredrichs at 296-0656 or Kelsi Wuelling at 296-5933 to order. Thank you!

**Golf Tournament:** The Knights of Columbus, Council 1966 will be holding a benefit golf tournament for St. John the Baptist School on June 16. For more information, contact Mike Vaughn, 402-296-5422 in the evenings.



**Bishop James Conley** is inviting every Catholic to join him on Sunday, April 29, from 8-8:30 pm for the HuskerCatholic Candle-lit Rosary for Peace surrounding the border of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (please be in place by 7:45 pm). It will take 3300+ people to completely surround the 2.5 mile perimeter.

Visit [www.rosarylincoln.org](http://www.rosarylincoln.org) for a map with assigned parish locations. There will be a parish sign-up after the Masses on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bishop Conley** will be on Spirit Catholic Radio (102.7fm) this Monday, April 16. He will be a guest on the Morning Show (around 7:30am), speaking about the powerful initiative happening in the diocese: The Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade. Tune in to learn more, and to be inspired!

### **Some upcoming dates:**

April 15 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast after 8:00 & 10:30 Masses  
April 21 – First Holy Communion, 5:00pm Mass  
April 24 – Confirmation, 7:00pm Mass  
April 28 – Spring Dinner! "Return to the West"  
May 5 – Enchilada Dinner, 5-8pm, school gym  
May 6 – St. John the Baptist School registration, 8am-Noon, in library  
May 6 – 10:30 Mass, Blessing of high school graduates  
May 14 – Eighth Grade graduation  
May 19 – Summer Sand Volleyball Tournament, sponsored by St. John's  
June 16 – St. Johns Golf Tournament at Bay Hills Golf Course  
June 24-28 – Totus Tuus for high school  
June 25-29 – Totus Tuus for kids entering grades 1-8

*Be sure to check the front table in the Commons for most current notices' details*

## **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

Congratulations to Joseph and Ellen Neels Brinkman, married at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Saturday. May the Lord bless and keep you both together for many happy years! If there are any who are celebrating marriage anniversaries of a significant “vintage,” please let me know, so that I may give you the blessing that you deserve. Let me know plenty ahead of time. This would be for anniversaries of canonical marriages (through, and usually in, a Catholic Church). Marriage is never just a “private” thing. It is a Sacrament (between two baptized people) or at least a very holy bond between a man and a woman. We can arrange to do the blessing during Mass or even privately. God bless those who witness to Christ’s love for His Bride, the Church!

Next Saturday evening at the 5 P.M. Mass will include First Holy Communion for our second-graders in the school and CCD programs. Anyone is welcome to come, but unless you have a family member or friend receiving the Lord for the first time in this Blessed Sacrament, you might be wise to attend one of the Sunday morning Masses, due to the expected large crowd. Just so you know! The practice with our First Communion students and at least one parent will be Friday evening at 6:30—it should last no longer than one hour. Confirmation is upon us as well, and the practice for that will be next Sunday evening at 7 P.M. with the students from the fifth and sixth grades from the school and CCD programs and their sponsors (or at least a parent). That, too, should last no longer than one hour. Confirmation will be on Tuesday, April 24, at 7 P.M. Mass with Bishop Conley.

This coming Friday will be our school’s “Emmaus Day,” when we have classes taking turns visiting the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the church during the school day. You are invited to join us as we pray especially for the boys and girls who will be receiving their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the next few days. Benediction at 2 P.M. will close the day. The Risen Lord appeared to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus on Easter Sunday, and they eventually recognized Him in the Scriptures and in the “breaking of the bread,” in other words, in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Mass! Jesus reveals Himself to us in His holy Word, and in the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. The

Risen Lord continues to show Himself to us through His Church.

The regional meeting for leaders of the Charity and Stewardship Program (formerly known as the Diocesan Development Program, DDP) will be on Tuesday evening in Nebraska City at 7 P.M. This program has been in place since 1970, and has provided every parish in the diocese a chance to borrow money at low interest, as well as a way of supporting those diocesan services which benefit all of us. We will be conducting this program here soon. God bless!

“St. John Catholic School in Plattsmouth had a unique beginning. It was the parishioners who took the initiative in working for the establishment of a parochial school; it was not a project that someone in authority had directed them to undertake. In some parishes merely mentioning the possibility of starting a school evoked strong negative responses. In Plattsmouth, however, the parishioners were convinced of the value of a parochial school and it was they who worked tirelessly to overcome all the obstacles that they met in reaching that goal.” (History of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska 1887-1987 by Sr. Loretta Gosen, C.P.P.S., Lincoln, NE: The Catholic Bishop of Lincoln, Inc., 1986, p. 318). A very telling paragraph about the nature of our parish community over 150 years ago, but one which still applies, based on the magnificent strides made in the last several years to correct some of the financial and other challenges that we had been faced with and which are now being met. None of us was here 150 years ago, but that “parish culture” must have been passed on from one generation to the next, even as it incorporated new parishioners and new families—we have the grit and determination to survive, prosper, and grow. The Church of the Holy Spirit, just like our “ancestor” parishes, St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary, has what it takes, not only to enable our school to survive, prosper, and grow, but everything else that we set our mind to do. With God’s grace, we can do anything good!

**Father Houlihan**